

Merry Mugs & Muffins Set for Dec. 1

Get into the Christmas spirit at this year's Merry Mugs & Muffins, which will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a Christmas Craft Bazaar, with tables full of beautiful, handmade creations.

"Ladies may come, fellowship, enjoy light refreshments and do a little Christmas shopping at the same time," said Diane Pettitt, who leads the Women's Fellowship. Proceeds will fund various facility improvement projects.

Redeemer artists and craftspeople are needed to fill the tables with their wares. If you would like to make some items for the bazaar, please contact Diane at 972-270-8806.

Scouts' Canoe Trip

Redeemer's Boy Scout Troop will spend two days paddling 11 miles of the beautiful Trinity River, enjoying a night of camping at Ray Roberts State Park Campground. Scouts will leave Redeemer at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 16 and return to Redeemer by 7 p.m. Saturday evening, Nov. 17.

Christmas at Redeemer

As we enter the joyful Christmas season, here are some highlights of what is planned at Redeemer to help you prepare:

Advent sermon series

The five sermons during December will present the big-picture truth of our Lord Jesus Christ from eternity to eternity. The series — Our Eternal Christ — will teach, remind, enrich and lead us to heart-felt worship of our Savior. The series will include:

- Dec. 2: Christ in Eternity Past
- Dec. 9: Christ in the Old Testament
- Dec. 16: The Incarnate Christ
- Dec. 23: The Christmas Story
- Dec. 30: Christ's Present and Future Ministries

Christmas Eve service

The Christmas Eve service — one of our annual highlights — will be a moving service of Scripture, carols, uplifting music, and a special Christmas story from **Don Geiger Sr.**, our interim preacher. We'll end the service and prepare for Christmas morning by singing Silent Night and spreading the Christ candle's flame throughout the sanctuary.

Christmas giving

Our special Christmas giving this year will go to help families and individuals in our church who are in need. Gifts can be given through the benevolence fund. Please speak to a pastor or elder if you know of a family in need.



Water for missions

A new water tower will provide a reliable water supply at Asian Christian Academy

It's a simple act that most of us take for granted: turn the faucet to get as much clean water as we need.

But that's not the case on many mission fields around the world, including Asian Christian Academy in Bangalore, India. At that dynamic ministry, drinking water can run short during the dry season and when power blackouts shut down water pumps. That's a problem for the 300 people who live on the 46-acre campus and for the 2,250 students who attend school there.

A special opportunity has been presented to Redeemer's Missions Leadership Team to help meet this need by funding \$30,000 for a critical new water tower at ACA. The MLT has designated \$20,000 in previous special giving to help fund this project, so our goal is to raise the additional \$10,000 by Dec. 16. The water tower will serve as a reliable source of drinking water for the campus.

"This will be a great addition to our campus and will stand for the glory of God in the years to come," said Joy George, president of Asian Christian Academy. Redeemer has long supported Joy and his wife, Leela, as well as ACA.

ACA's ministry is multifaceted. It includes:

- The Evangelical Theological Seminary, which offers four degree programs at the master's and doctoral levels.
- The House of Joy, a home that shelters, clothes and feeds 35 destitute children in a holistic Christian environment.
- Asian Christian High School, an accredited school for children in kindergarten through tenth grade. Students from rural villages receive a quality Christian-focused education at very low cost.
- Agape Hospital, a low- or no-cost clinic for residents of the hundreds of villages in the Bangalore area. In addition to state-of-the-art medical treatments, patients receive Christian counsel.

"Asian Christian Academy is a wonderful, proven ministry that has reached – and continues to reach – many people with the Gospel," said Paul Ramler, chairman of Redeemer's Missions Leadership Team. "Funding this water-tower project is a very practical way that our church can help meet a need that will further the tremendous work that ACA has done for many years."

Redeemer Launches Seven New Small Groups

With the help of some gifted and hospitable church members, Redeemer has launched seven new small groups that are now meeting in members' homes.

"It's been a fantastic response, and we are pleased that so many of our members have chosen to participate," said **Bert Howard**, pastor of assimilation.

A very special thank you goes out to **John and Barbara Arms, Eddie and Jan Boyd, Mike and Monte Howard, Susan Millet, Martha King, Tom and Chris Newcomer, Allen and Kim Sandlin, and David and Lisa Wisely** for expanding our small-group ministry and stepping up to be small group leaders and home hosts. They are playing a vital role in community-building at Redeemer.

More than 60 Redeemer members are participating in these new groups and are using *The Truth Project*, a fantastic and engaging Focus on the Family DVD series. There is still an opportunity to join one of these great small groups.

Please contact the church office at 214-340-3633 or talk to **Bert** for details.



Youth Enjoy Second Annual Wichita Mountain Fall Retreat

For the past two years, the Redeemer youth fall retreat at the beautiful Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma has been a highlight of the student ministry.

This year, 19 students from the Youth Group and Boy Scout Troop 48 camped in a new area of the refuge, which provided the space and seclusion needed to enjoy rowdy games of tag, sit around roaring bonfires, and observe wildlife ranging from friendly tarantulas to complacent bison.

The young people tackled a physically challenging rock climb on the renowned Zoo Wall and explored the canyon carved by West Cache Creek. The students woke up early Sunday morning and hiked to a rocky outcropping that overlooks a beautiful lake — the perfect environment for a sunrise service. The students were challenged with a message from Psalm 8, concluding an incredible weekend that has the students looking forward to next year.



Youth Group Plans Day of Fun

With the cooler weather nearly upon us, it is time to take to the woods. On Sunday, Dec. 2, junior high and high school students will travel to DFW Adventure Park in Fort Worth for a fun afternoon of paintball games and challenges. The group will leave after church and return to Redeemer at 6 p.m.

Welcome, New Member



Esther Siller

October Baptism



On Oct. 28, we rejoiced as Jeremiah Bakk baptized Callie Simon (left) and Katherine Rodgers (right).

Johnny and Brittany Burton welcomed baby Cade Marek Burton Sept. 22, 2012 (7 lbs. 5 oz; 20.75 in)

Welcome, Cade



22 Memorize Philippians Passages

Twenty-two people memorized at least 20 verses from the book of Philippians during the recent sermon series, and most were able to enjoy a delicious hamburger supper at the home of **Don and Alice Geiger**. The get-together was an incentive to learn the passages.

Congratulations to these individuals for hiding God's Word in their hearts: **Boxley Boggs, Monique Byron, Glenn Clark, Brian Coppinger, Brian Doriot, Roger Doriot, Suzanne Doriot, Mary Eickman, Dawn McCullar, Edward Matthews, Diane Pettitt, Charlane Rack, Paul Ramler, Don Regier, Deb Scott, Bobbie Sewell, Cathleen Shipley, Martie Syms, Andrew Wisley, Cathryn Wisley, Lisa Wisley and Ree Witt.**

Correction: The Getting to Know You article in the October edition of *The Link* incorrectly stated the name of the church that John and Barbara Arms previously attended. The Arms came to Redeemer from Watermark Community Church, a loving and caring body of believers.

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